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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NYERERE ON COMPENSATION AND GUARANTEES
ISSUES RE RHODESIA

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT NYERERE EXPRESSED FEAR AUGUST 6 THAT
BRITISH EMPHASIS ON GUARANTEES FOR WHITES IN RHODESIA WAS IN
EFFECT SUPPORTING SMITH AND PROLONGING WAR. END SUMMARY.

2. NYERERE SAID HE HAD BEEN LISTENING TO BBC AUGUST 5 AND WA
CONCERNED AT THE EMPHASIS IT AND OTHER BRITISH SOURCES WERE
PUTTING ON PLANS FOR GUARANTEES FOR WHITES IN RHODESIA --
ESPECIALLY SO AS THIS LINE WAS BEING PROMOTED JUST AFTER
SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON.

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3. NYERERE WANTED TO GO OVER HIS POSITION ON COMPENSATION AND

GUARANTEES AGAIN. THE ESSENTIAL POINT WAS THAT COMPENSATION IDEA WAS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE WHITES TO LEAVE, THUS REDUCING SMITH'S STRENGTH, AND SHORTENING THE WAR. WHEN INDEPENDENCE CAME TO A COUNTRY AFTER FIGHTING MOST OF THE COLONIALS ALWAYS LEFT (E.G., ALGERIA AND MOZAMBIQUE). THOSE WHO STAYED DID SO BECAUSE (A) THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD MAKE IT ON THEIR OWN IN NEW COUNTRY, AND (B) NEW GOVERNMENT NEEDED AND WANTED THEM. GUARANTEES USUALLY CONSISTED ONLY OF COMMITMENT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, BUT WHATEVER FORM THEY TOOK, THEY HAD MEANING ONLY IF NEW GOVERNMENT MADE THEM. IF DEvised BEFOREHAND WITH THIRD PARTIES INVOLVED, RESULT WAS INEVITABLY BICKERING AND CHARGES OF OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

4. NYERERE SAID THAT HIS IDEAS ON COMPENSATION ARE, TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE MOST WHITES TO LEAVE AND TO SHORTEN THE WAR BY GETTING RID OF THOSE WHO WOULD FIGHT TO THE END, THAT IS SMITH AND THE VERY CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF WHITE RHODESIANS WHO THINK AS HE DOES FOR IDEOLOGICAL OR ECONOMIC REASONS. THIS PRESSURE TO LEAVE IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO WORK, E.G., NET EXODUS OF WHITES IN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THIS IS GOOD. EVERY MILITANT WHO LEAVES MAKES FOR A SHORTER WAR AND LESS HATRED LATER.

5. NYERERE HAD NEVER BEEN CERTAIN THAT BRITISH COMPLETELY COMPREHENDED OR ACCEPTED HIS APPROACH BUT HE THOUGHT THEY HAD A WORKING UNDERSTANDING. MAYBE THEY STILL DID, BUT GROWING WESTERN EMPHASIS ON GUARANTEES (AND OCCASIONAL REFERENCES TO COMPENSATION EVEN FOR WHITES WHO STAYED AFTER INDEPENDENCE) BOTHERED HIM. MOST SPECIFICALLY, THIS LINE WAS IN FACT STRENGTHENING SMITH TODAY. HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE US UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE HAD IN MIND.

6. I SAID I WAS STRUCK WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF ANY COMPENSATION FOR DEPARTING COMMUNITY AS LARGE AND AFFLUENT AS MAJORITY OF RHODESIAN WHITES. THE QUESTION OF GUARANTEES SEEMED TO ME TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE COMPLEX. IF IT COULD HAVE EFFECT ON WAR, IT COULD ALSO HAVE EFFECT ON PEACE AND ON ABILITY OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO BRING ABOUT SOLUTION. UK, I ASSUMED, AND ALSO US, IF THEY WERE TO TRY TO SUPPORT OR FACILITATE SOLUTION OF ANY PROBLEM, HAD TO HAVE AN APPROACH COMPATIBLE WITH MORAL

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AND SOCIAL VALUES OF THEIR OWN PEOPLES.

7. NYERERE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED, BUT WHAT WAS BOTHERING HIM NOW WAS THAT, IF EMPHASIS ON GUARANTEES WAS EFFORT TO MEET THESE, IT WAS ALSO MAKING SOLUTION OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM MORE DIFFICULT. IN ANY CASE, HE HAD BEEN ASSUMING THAT US KNEW HIS LINE OF REASONING ON COMPENSATION AND GUARANTEES ISSUES AND THAT IT ACCEPTED THIS LINE. HE JUST

WANTED TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING.

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